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Make provision with respect to Loans and Sales made A.D. 1906.  
for the purpose of the supply of Seed Potatoes and  
Seed Oats to occupiers and cultivators of land in  
Ireland.

**B**E it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and  
with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and  
Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled,  
and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

- 5 **1.**—(1) Where at any time between the first of December  
nineteen hundred and seven, and the first of September nineteen  
hundred and eight the Board of Works have, or shall have, with  
the consent of the Treasury and the approval of the Local  
Government Board, made out of monies at their disposal for the  
10 purpose of local loans any loans to the guardians of any union  
for the purpose of providing seed potatoes or seed oats or both,  
the loan shall be deemed to have been legally made and shall  
be repayable by the guardians to the Board of Works by two  
equal instalments, the first of which shall be paid on the *first day*  
15 *of February nineteen hundred and ten*, and the second on the  
*first day of February nineteen hundred and eleven*, with interest  
at the rate of *three and a half per cent.* per annum on the loan  
or any outstanding balance thereof from the date of the advance  
to the date of repayment, and the poor rate leviable in the union  
20 shall as from the date of the loan, without any deed of mortgage  
or other instrument, be and be deemed to have been charged with  
the repayment thereof and interest by the said instalments.

(2) If at any time the Board of Works certify that any sum  
is payable to them by the guardians of any union on account of  
25 any loan or interest as aforesaid, the Local Government Board

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Validation  
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A.D. 1906. shall, by order under their seal, assess that sum on the union and send copies of the order to the guardians and the treasurer of the union; and within one month of the receipt of the copy of the order the treasurer of the union shall, out of any money then in his hands to the credit of the guardians, or, if such money is insufficient, then out of all monies subsequently received by him on account of the guardians, pay the amount specified in the order to the Board of Works.

Validation of supply of seed potatoes and seed oats by guardians and repayment of price by purchasers.

2.—(1) Where at any time between the first of December nineteen hundred and seven and the first of September nineteen hundred and eight the guardians of any union have or shall have, with the sanction of the Local Government Board, provided a supply of seed potatoes or seed oats, or both, for the use of any district electoral division of their union, and have sold any such potatoes or oats to any occupier or cultivator of land in that electoral division, the sale shall be deemed to have been legally made, and any sum due to the guardians on account thereof shall be paid by two equal instalments, and the guardians shall certify the amount of each instalment to the council of the county comprising the electoral division affected.

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(2) For obtaining payment of each instalment due from any person the county council or urban district council, as the case may be, shall levy the amount, where the person is rated to the poor rate, by a special rate to be added to the poor rate assessed on the tenements occupied by him and to be collected therewith.

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(3) Where any such person is not rated to the poor rate, the county council or urban district council shall make a special rate for the purposes of this Act to which he shall be rated.

(4) Every such last-mentioned special rate shall be recoverable in the same manner and with the same remedies by the collectors of the poor rate as if it were poor rate, and shall be paid by the county council or urban district council to the guardians.

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(5) Where the poor rate is collected in two moieties the special rate required for the purposes of this Act shall be collected with the first moiety of the poor rate.

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(6) The first of the special rates required for the purposes of this Act shall be made at the same time as the first ordinary poor rate made during the year nineteen hundred and nine, and the second of those rates shall be made at the same time as the

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first ordinary poor rate made during the year nineteen hundred and ten. A.D. 1908.

(7) The first instalment payable by each purchaser of seed potatoes or seed oats shall be due on the day on which the first of such special rates is made, and the second instalment shall be due on the day on which the second of such special rates is made. Any such instalment may be paid to the guardians at any earlier date.

3. No electoral disability or loss of parliamentary or other franchise shall be incurred by any voter by reason of the purchase of seed potatoes or seed oats under this Act, nor shall any person be or be deemed to have been disqualified under any article in the schedule to the Local Government (Application of Enactments) Order, 1898, by reason of his having entered into a contract for such purchase. Saving as to franchise and disqualification.

4. All orders and regulations made, sanctions given, and things done by the Local Government Board in relation to the provision during the period in that behalf in this Act mentioned of seed potatoes by the guardians of any union, shall be, and be deemed to have been valid and effectual for all purposes. Validation of orders and proceedings of Local Government Board.

5. In this Act—

The expression "the Local Government Board" means the Local Government Board for Ireland; and

The expression "the Board of Works" means the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland. Interpretation.

6. This Act may be cited as the Seed Potatoes and Seed Oats Supply (Ireland) Act, 1908. Short title.